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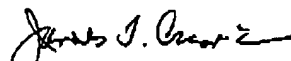
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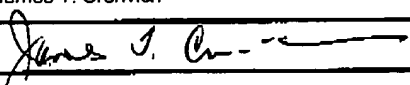
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**Response to Requirement for Election**

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Sir:

In response to the Requirement for Election of October 28, 2005, applicants provisionally elect Species B (an embodiment with flights angled from one side of the belt to the other). Claims 1-55 read on the elected species.

This response is being timely filed within one month of the Office Action, so no fee should be due.

Respectfully submitted,  
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